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SUBJ: MBFR: GUIDANCE TO AHG ON PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PHASES

REF: A. USNATO 2151; B. STATE 196469 DTG 7 SEPT 74; C. MBFR VIENNA 199

- 1. AT APRIL 28 SPC MEETING, ACTING CHAIRMAN (PABSCH) NOTED THAT BEHRENDS, DURING APRIL 18 AHG BRIEFING OF THE NAC, HAD STATED THAT CLEARER GUIDANCE TO THE AHG ON THE FIXED PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES WOULD HELP THE AHG MAKE THE CASE FOR PHASING (PARA 12, REF A). ACTING CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED, AND SPC AGREED, THAT THIS ITEM G ON THE SPC AGENDA FOR MONDAY, MAY 5.
- 2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE MOST RELUCTANT ALLY REGARDING A CLEARLY SPECIFIED, FIXED PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES HAS BEEN FRG. THE LATTER HAS WISHED NAC GUIDANCE TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY FOR SECRET

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THE ALLIES AS TO WHEN PHASE II NEGOTIATIONS WOULD START. THE FRG HAS WANTED ALLIES TO BE ABLE TO HAVE VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF PHASE I WITHDRAWALS PRIOR TO BEGINNING PHASE II NEGOTIATIONS. PRESENT NAC GUIDANCE ON THE PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES IS BASED ON

THE U.S. PROPOSAL THAT SECOND PHASE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTERPHASE I SIGNATURE, WHICH WOULD NOT BE LATER THAN IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST PHASE WITHDRAWALS, WHICH IN TURN SHOULD NOT TAKE LONGER THAN 18 MONTHS (REF B). FRG ACCEPTED THE U.S. PROPOSAL ONLY AFTER BECOMING ISOLATED. FRG AT THAT TIME REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE TO IT OF THE PHASE THAT PHASE II NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN "AS SOON AFTER FIRST PHASE SIGNATURE AS IS PRACTICABLE". THIS NAC GUIDANCE OF OCTOBER 2, 1974, DESPITE ITS SHORTCOMINGS, REPRESENTED AN ADVANCE OVER THE ORIGINAL NAC GUIDANCE OF MAY 14, 1974 ON THIS ISSUE.

- 3. MISSION BELIEVES THE TIME MAY NOW BE RIGHT TO SEEK A FURTHER STEP TOWARD SPECIFICITY IN GUIDANCE TO AHG ON PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PHASES. THE POINT RAISED IN PARA 2 OF REF C INDICATES THE TIMELINESS OF THIS ISSUE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE FRG. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MISSION ON THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PHASES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF RECEIVED IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, MAY 5.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PHASES, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS MATTER IS ON SPC MAY 5 AGENDA. BRUCE

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